

## REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23, 25-30, 33, 34, 36-42, 44-49, 52, 53 and 55-60 are now pending in this application. Claims 23, 25-30, 33, 34, 36-42, 44-49, 52, 53 and 55-60 have been added by reissue. Claims 23, 25-30, 33, 34, 36-42, 44-49, 52, 53 and 55-60 have been renumbered as claims 23-52, by the following order:

<u>New Claim #</u>	<u>Prosecuted Claim #</u>
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### **Telephone Interview**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interviews of May 13 and 15, 2002 and June 3, 2002. During the telephone interviews, it was agreed that the Application is in condition for allowance, pending the submission of (1) a Supplemental Declaration and (2) a Supplemental Amendment renumbering the added claims and underlining the added claims.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

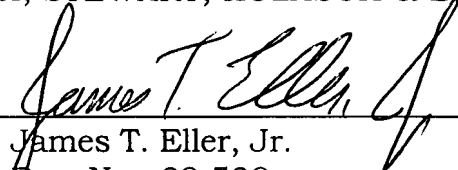
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment: Supplemental Declaration

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